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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON OCTOBER 5, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.